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As indicated in my voice message of today, enclosed please find a copy of the following documents filed on August 26, 2003:

- 1) Request for Continued Examination Transmittal Form;
- 2) Petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.36(a);
- 3) Request for Continued Examination (amendment); and
- 4) Postcard stamped by the PTO acknowledging receipt of these documents.

Applicants hereby respectfully request withdrawal of holding of abandonment of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
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- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply  
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- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)  
ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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